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TIGHT SEAL MAKES PAPER PROTECT AGAINST MOTHS

Paper garment bags and wrappings, and cardboard closets and boxes protect against clothes moths only if they are sealed tightly at every opening and if the clothes or other contents were entirely free of moths when the container was sealed. Once moths get inside paper or cardboard containers, damage will result, even though the paper has been treated with cedar, tar, or pine oil. Scented paper or cardboard is no more effective against moths than plain paper. Printers' ink in newspaper has no protective value.

Clothing which has just been dry-cleaned or washed before wrapping in unbroken paper with the edges carefully sealed will remain safe from moths indefinitely. Unbroken hat boxes or other cardboard containers will also exclude moths if carefully sealed. To destroy any moth that may have found its way in with the clothing, add enough flake naphthalene to the package.

The many cardboard closets and garment bags for sale nowadays are of value only if every opening is sealed against moths and if the clothing or other material going into them contains no moths.

Further information on clothes moths may be found in a new leaflet of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. It is Leaflet No. 145, "Clothes Moths."

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